

HOUSE No. 2096

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 12, 1952.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relating to the obstruction of fire apparatus and other safety vehicles (House, No. 1727), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 2096).

For the committee,

PHILIP A. CHAPMAN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER RESTRICTING THE USE OF WAYS IN CASE OF FIRE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 7A, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:—

5 *Section 7A.* Upon the approach of any fire ap-
6 paratus which is going to a fire or responding to an
7 alarm, every person driving a vehicle on a way shall
8 immediately drive said vehicle as far as possible
9 toward the right-hand curb or side of said way and
10 shall keep the same at a standstill until such fire
11 apparatus has passed. No person shall drive a ve-
12 hicle over a hose of a fire department without the con-
13 sent of a member of such department. No person
14 shall drive a vehicle within three hundred feet of any
15 fire apparatus going to a fire or responding to an alarm,
16 nor drive said vehicle, or park or leave the same un-
17 attended, within fifteen hundred feet of a fire or
18 within the fire lines established by the fire department,
19 or upon or beside any traveled way, whether public or
20 private, leading to the scene of a fire, in such a manner
21 as to obstruct the approach to the fire of any fire ap-

22 paratus or any ambulance, safety or police vehicle, or
23 of any vehicle bearing an official fire or police depart-
24 ment designation. Violation of any provision of this
25 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than
26 one hundred dollars.

